Lastly, the member said that the inhabitants of Nagercoil were put to much hardship on account of the scarcity of drinking water. The Municipal council had prepared and submitted to the Government a water supply scheme but it had not the necessary funds to carry it out. But if the Anantanarkal be extended by a furlong from Chettikulam, the Perumalkulam, the Oottankaraikulam and the Kanchankulam would have a perennial supply of water and thereby the people of Minakshipuram, Mettuthervu and other places would be benefited. The cost of the work would not be large and therefore the Government should take it up at an early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: மி: ஜோஸ்யர் நிங்கள் உத்தியோகவிஷயமாகப் பேசினீர்கள். உத்தியோக விஷயத்தில் மற்ற வகுப்பினர்களுக்குக் கொடுப்பதுபோல் உங்களுடைய சமுதாயத்திலும் தகுதியுள்ளவர்களுக்கு உத்தியோகங்கள் கொடுக்கப்படும். பின்பு ஏதோ சில பிரத்தியேகமான வேலைகளுக்கு உங்களுடைய சமுதாயத்திலுள்ளவர்கள் தேர்ந்தவர்களென்று கூறினீர். அப்படிப்பட்ட வேலைகளுக்கு உங்களில் யோக்கியதையுள்ளவர்கள் இருப்பார்களானால் அவர்களை முதலாவதாகக் கவனிக்கப்படும்.

MEMBER: நாகர்கோவிலில் எங்கள் ஜனங்கள் குடிக்கத்தண்ணீரில்லாமல் கஷ்டம் அனுபவித்துவருகிறார்கள். ஆதலால் எங்களுக்குத் தண்ணீர்வசதி அளித்துத்தரும்படி நாகர்கோயில் முனிஸிபாலிடிக்கு ஒரு உத்திரவு அளிக்கக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

DEWAN: இவ்விஷயத்தை நாகர்கோவில் முனிஸிபாலிடிக்கு அனுப்புகிறேன்

[As in the case of other communities, qualified members of the Kammala community also will be entertained in public service. In regard to the grant of preference to members of that community for certain appointments, if they are duly qualified for those appointments they will be appointed.

The request relating to the supply of water to Kammala quarters in Nagercoil will be referred to the Nagercoil Municipality.]

173. Muslims and public service.

MR. P. J. BAVA (*Nominated*) said that, notwithstanding the ceaseless agitation kept up by the Muslim community for adequate representation in public service, only a Magistrate and a Munsiff were recruited from the community. All the other vacancies and the new appointments that were created in the various departments were given to members of the communities which were over-represented in service.

There was not a single Muhommedan employee in the Revenue Department, excluding the clerks and peons in the offices of the controlling officers. None of the 400 Proverthicars were Muhommedans.

The number of Muslim teachers in the Education Department in all limits insignificant. It would take several years for the

and absorption of the men who had acted as teachers on previous occasions. In the meanwhile, Muhommedan applicants should be entertained.

A scrutiny of the list of appointments made in the last two years would disclose the flagrant injustice done to the community. A change of attitude would be very necessary on the part of the heads of departments.

The Muslim community was grieved to find that no regard was being paid to the claim of the Muhommedans already in the employ of Government. Recently, when a vacancy arose in the Public Works Department, the claims of the only Muhommedan in that Department were over-looked and a junior officer was placed over him. The claim of a Muhommedan clerk in the Secretariat were similarly overlooked by the appointment, as Magistrate, of another clerk in that office, who was far and away his junior It would be possible to redress the clerk's grievance by appointing him in any other department.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Bava, പൊതുവായി സക്കാർ സർവ്വീസിലുള്ള മുസ്ലീമിങ്ങളുടെ അവകാശത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞതും ഏതാനും ചില അപേക്ഷകളെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞതും മുഴുവൻ ശരിയാണെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെ നിങ്ങൾ ഓരോ പ്രത്യേകവ്യക്തികളുടെകാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി അസംബ്ളിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞാൽ അവയ്ക്കെല്ലാം സമാധാനം പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. അപ്രകാരം ആർക്കെങ്കിലും സങ്കടമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതാതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാർക്കു ഹർജികൊടുത്താൽ സങ്കടത്തിനു പരിഹാരമുണ്ടാകുന്നതാണ്. നിങ്ങൾ രണ്ടുമൂന്നു ആളുകളുടെ കാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു ശരിയാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. സങ്കടമുള്ളവർ ഹർജികൊടുത്താൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വിചാരണനടത്തുന്നതാണ്.

[What has been stated about the representation of Muslims in public service in general and about the claims of particular individuals does not appear to be correct. It is not possible to reply to such of the statements as relate to particular individuals. But if they have got any grievance, it is for them to petition the head of the department concerned.]

The Assembly adjourned at 4·55 P. M. to meet again at 11.15 A. M. the next day.